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**PRESS
RELEASE**

01/23/2022

Child Left In Car; Man Arrested

Date/Time: 01/23/2022 @ 2:23 A.M.
Location: 122 S. Old Pueblo Road (Parking lot of Speaking Rock)
Victim: Female, 14-month old, El Paso Resident
Arrested: Angel Mendez, 22 years of age, El Paso Resident

EL PASO, Texas — El Paso Police Officers responded to 122 S. Old Pueblo Road on a call of a toddler left inside a car in the parking lot of Speaking Rock. The driver, 22-year old Angel Mendez was found inside of the casino with the assistance of the Ysleta Del Sur Tribal Police and Casino Security. Officers arrested Mendez and charged him with Abandoning or Endangering Child With Intent to Return, a State Jail Felony. The child was taken to the hospital for evaluation and found uninjured. The child was turned over to the mother. The relationship between the arrestee and the child cannot be disclosed.

FYI: *Due to this case being a child neglect case, no additional information will be released. The Texas Government Code 552.101(Texas Open Record Act/Confidential by Law) makes any information that is confidential by any other law confidential under the Texas Open Records Act. Section 261.201 of the Texas Family Code makes any information regarding a child abuse or neglect case to include victims or information that could lead to the identity of the child victim confidential. We respectfully ask for your cooperation in not making public information that could lead to identify the child victim.*

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